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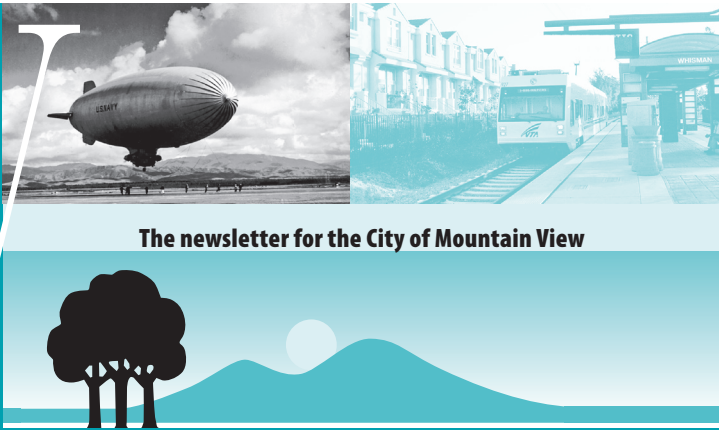
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Council Approves FY 2011-12 Budget

Like residents, businesses, and public agencies of all types and sizes, the City has been challenged by the lingering impacts of the “Great Recession” to maintain structurally balanced budgets (ongoing revenues that are greater than or equal to ongoing service costs). For many years, the City has worked diligently without relying on “one time fixes”. In June, this sound approach was continued as the City Council approved a structurally balanced Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 budget (total General Operating Fund of \$93.8 million).

The balanced budget was made possible by continuing to find opportunities to operate more efficiently and by new revenue from leasing City property. These savings covered more than 80% of the anticipated budget gap. A final component of balancing the budget was to obtain agreements with employee organizations to reduce employee compensation costs.

This was necessary because while the City is starting to see modest increases in revenues and is holding salaries at current levels, the costs to continue current employee benefits outstrip revenue growth. The new employee organization agreements result in \$500,000 in savings, about half of which results from structural changes to employee benefits. This was essential to helping close the \$2.6 million deficit, and will lay the groundwork for improving the City’s financial situation in FY 2011-12 and beyond.

Deep service cuts are not occurring because of Mountain View’s history of bringing together all parties, including the City Council, management, and employees, to responsibly address financial issues.

While the City’s budget is balanced, Mountain View has been negatively impacted by the new State budget. The budget signed by the Governor will divert over \$220,000 in general-purpose Vehicle License Fund (VLF) revenues from the City. In addition, Mountain View may lose about \$25,000 in State funds for libraries. The City also faces negative impacts associated with legislation that forces redevelopment agencies, such as Mountain View’s Downtown Revitalization District to pay a portion of the tax increment or risk being abolished. The District stands to lose about \$2 million of anticipated \$5 million in revenue for FY 2011-12. Some or all of these provisions in the State budget face legal challenges. While this diversion of local funds to pay for State services will not require any changes to the City’s Adopted Budget for FY 2011-12, any structural impacts to the City’s budget must be addressed in the FY 2012-13 budget. Contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301, with comments or questions, or visit www.mountainview.gov.



General Plan Update

The City continues the process of updating the General Plan, the City’s long-range policy document used to guide future development in Mountain View. Both the Environmental Planning Commission and the City Council have been reviewing and providing direction throughout this process. Once the Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are complete, the City will hold public meetings in Fall 2011 to gather community input on these documents.

In 2012, the Final General Plan and EIR will be reviewed by the Environmental Planning Commission, who will forward a recommendations to the City Council. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or visit www.mountainview2030.com.



FY 2011-12 MAJOR INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

These are the areas the City Council will focus on in the year ahead:

- Complete the General Plan Update.
- Develop a structurally balanced budget for FY 2012-13.
- Begin an evaluation of the Shoreline Community’s long-term obligations and liabilities.



- Continue activities to develop the Downtown Affordable Housing Project.
- Complete the Rengstorff Park Master Plan.
- Implement the first year of the Downtown

- Revitalization Authority final two-year work plan.
- Continue Environmental Sustainability actions.
- Complete design and begin construction of the Shoreline Sports Complex.
- Complete construction of Mariposa and Del Medio Parks.
- Complete construction of Fire Station 5.
- Complete construction of the Permanente Creek Trail from Old Middlefield Way to Highway 101.
- Complete construction of the Stevens Creek Trail segment from Sleeper Avenue to Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way.
- Evaluate improvements to, and use of, Rock Church property.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR FY 2011-12

The Mountain View City Council established the following goals for the upcoming fiscal year:

- Continue studies and initiatives related to mid- to long-term budget balancing strategies.
- Develop an Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan.
- Continue to monitor regional transportation projects, coordinate with local, regional, and state transportation agencies, develop long-term transportation plans, develop a policy statement concerning railroad crossings in Mountain View, and explore the

- feasibility of a community shuttle service.
- Advance the health and wellness of the Mountain View community by participating in countywide efforts to address public health issues such as obesity, second-hand smoke exposure, and suicide.
- Evaluate alternative long-term financing options to fund future significant capital improvement projects.

For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.



Community Highlights

Be sure to share in the fun of these annual community events this Fall:

- **Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Fire Station No. 4, 229 North Whisman Road.
- **Halloween Monster Bash** – Saturday, October 29, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting** – Monday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar** – Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m – 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.
- **Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event** – Saturday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Police Department will be collecting donations of cash, gift cards, and toys starting December 1.

A Community Welcome Reception for new City Manager Dan Rich will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Mountain View City Hall Rotunda. For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.



Welcome to Our New City Manager

Daniel H. Rich, Mountain View’s new City Manager, is replacing Kevin Duggan, who retired last Spring. Rich was selected by the City Council after an extensive recruitment and selection process and began work on July 25, 2011.

Rich brings twenty years of local government management experience, having worked for three cities on the Peninsula, including Campbell, Sunnyvale, and Belmont. He most recently served as the City Manager for the City of Campbell. He holds a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

In announcing his appointment, the City Council cited Rich’s proven leadership in the city management profession and their confidence in his ability to think creatively and improve upon the City’s previous successes. For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.

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SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN VIEW!

ZERO WASTE PLAN

Preparation of a Zero Waste Plan to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and further reduce the amount of material being sent to landfill is underway.

Zero Waste is a systems approach that seeks to eliminate the negative impacts of designing, producing, using, and discarding products and packaging by:

- Reducing resource use.
- Reusing products and materials.
- Minimizing or eliminating the discard of ‘waste.’
- Minimizing production of toxic materials and providing for the safe discard of toxics.

For more information about the Zero Waste Plan, visit www.MVRecycle.org.



NEW ‘GREEN’ BUILDING CODE

In August, the City’s new Mountain View Green Building Code (MVGBC) took effect, establishing green building requirements for new construction, residential additions, and commercial/industrial tenant improvements. Requirements include improvements in energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor environmental quality, and waste and resource reduction. The new code will help the City achieve its long-term goals of sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov.



GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE

The City of Mountain View is launching a new program to showcase local green gardens. Residents and businesses that practice sustainable gardening are encouraged to nominate their landscape for the Green Garden Showcase. Photographs from selected gardens will be posted online as examples of local and attractive landscaping. Visit www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov

For more information, call (650) 903-6216 or E-mail conservewater@mountainview.gov.

BURROWING OWLS MAKE COMEBACK

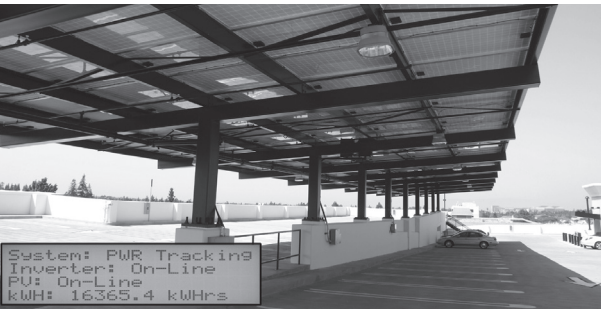
Three nesting pairs of burrowing owls successfully produced ten chicks this Spring at Shoreline at Mountain View Park. In 1998, the City formally implemented the first of two Burrowing Owl Management Plans to ensure the safety and success of the species. The City is currently working on a new Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan designed to increase the burrowing owl population while completing necessary maintenance at the park. For more information regarding Shoreline at Mountain View Park, call (650) 903-6392.



HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

A new City-sponsored initiative, Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV), offers no-cost home energy assessments to the first 1,500 qualified residents signing up for the program. **Both homeowners and renters are eligible.** After registering for EUMV online, participants will receive a customized home energy use profile as well as recommendations identifying cost-effective ways to save energy and lower utility bill costs.

For more information about EUMV, call the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at (650) 903-6311, or visit www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org.



SOLAR ENERGY FOR MORE CITY FACILITIES

The City plans to install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at the Shoreline Golf Links Pro Shop and the Shoreline Maintenance Facility. The solar systems are designed to eliminate almost 100 percent of the PG&E electricity costs at both facilities and to reduce annual carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 41 metric tons. The City expects to save approximately \$245,000 over a 20-year period through a Power Purchase Agreement with a vendor that will design, construct, operate, and maintain the solar systems.

The new solar systems are expected to be in operation by Summer 2012. For more information about the new solar systems and other City efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, call the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at (650) 903-6311.

Join one of the **FREE Environmental Docent-led walks** held every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., and the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m., departing from the Rengstorff House at Shoreline.

WATERING TIPS FOR A GREENER GARDEN

Implement these simple practices to save water and help keep your garden healthy and beautiful.

1. Avoid daily watering, and instead water more deeply, less often. This practice promotes deep root growth and improves plants’ ability to withstand dry conditions.
2. Water early in the morning when wind and evaporation rates are low.
3. Divide your total watering time into two or three cycles with 30 minutes between cycles to allow time for water to soak into the soil and prevent water runoff.
4. Adjust your irrigation timer seasonally – plants need less water in Spring and Fall than in Summer, and irrigation systems should be shut off during the Winter.
5. Periodically check and repair your irrigation system for leaks, breaks, and alignment problems.

The City’s 2010 Water Quality Report is now available
You can download a copy at www.mountainview.gov

BRING YOUR OWN BAG CAMPAIGN

The City has collaborated with Green Mountain View and local retailers to remind shoppers before they enter stores to bring their reusable bags. The goal of the Bring Your Own Bag Campaign (BYOB) campaign is to reduce the number of single-use plastic and paper bags used by reminding shoppers to bring their reusable bags when they shop. A high-quality reusable bag has the potential to replace more than 600 single-use plastic bags over its lifetime, significantly reducing plastic bag litter.



The BYOB campaign kicked off on July 18, 2011 at the following local retailers: CVS Pharmacy, Fiesta Market, La Costena Market, Lucky, Mi Pueblo Market, Mountain View Market, Nijiya Market, 99 Ranch Market, Nob Hill Foods, Rose Market, Safeway, Smart and Final, The Milk Pail Market, Trader Joes, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart. For questions about the BYOB Campaign, call Lori Topley, Solid Waste Program manager at (650) 903-6311.

WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSA), the City is hosting two landscape education classes and two hands-on workshops this Fall.

- Fundamentals of Water-Wise Gardening – Thursday, September 1st, 6-8:30 p.m.
- Drip Irrigation Design and Installation Workshop – Saturday, September 17th, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Eat Local! Growing Edible California Native Plants – Tuesday, October 4th, 6-8:30 p.m.
- Kid-Friendly Water-Wise Garden Workshop – Saturday, October 15th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or E-mail landscape@bawsca.org.



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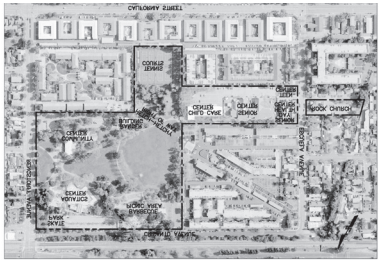
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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

RENGSTORFF PARK
MASTER PLAN

The City is currently preparing a Rengstorff Park Master Plan, which will provide a long-term vision and general development guide for the park and its facilities during the next 20-30 years. The Master Plan will identify the location, shape, and orientation of major design elements of the park, including the community center, aquatics facility, teen center, and Skate Park. The long-term use for the Rock Church property at 263 Escuela Avenue will also be determined during the Master Plan process.



Community meetings were held in September 2010 and April 2011. Input from the community, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City Council has been incorporated into four draft park designs that will be presented to the City Council in the Fall. The Master Plan is expected to be complete in late 2011.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



STEVENS CREEK TRAIL

Construction of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from Sleeper Avenue over Highway 85 to Dale Avenue/ Heatherstone Way is underway and the overcrossing structure is expected to be substantially complete by late Fall. This latest extension of the pedestrian and biking path will open the trail to the residential neighborhood east of Highway 85 and bring the trail closer to the City limit. It is expected to open for public use by early 2012.

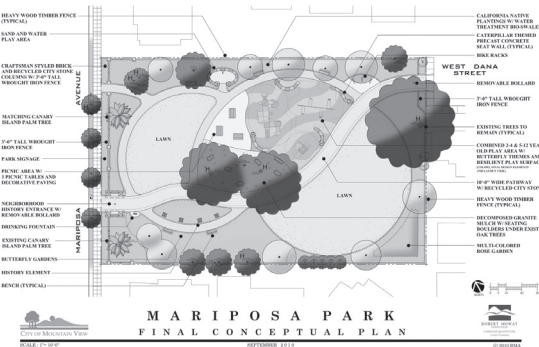
For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

NEW CITY PARKS

The City is currently constructing two new mini-parks, small parcels of land designed to provide play, picnic areas, and green space, to residential neighborhoods.

DEL MEDIO AREA PARK

Construction began this summer on a 0.35-acre site located on Del Medio Avenue between Miller Avenue and California Street. The park should be open by the end of 2011.



MARIPOSA AREA PARK

Construction on a 0.6 acre-site located on Mariposa Avenue, between Villa Street and California Street, is expected to begin this Fall and be complete by Spring 2012.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL

Construction continues on a project to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from its current terminus on the north (Bay) side of Highway 101 to the south side of Old Middlefield Way. The project includes constructing a pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way.

The project is expected to be complete in early 2012. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

FIRE STATION 5

Construction of a new 10,000 sq. ft. building for Fire Station 5 is currently underway at the corner of North Shoreline Boulevard and Crittenden Lane. The project should be complete by Spring 2012. The new station will feature a traditional brick exterior. The state-of-the-art building has been designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Silver standard, which requires water and energy conservation measures, stormwater treatment, and other sustainable features.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



NEW LIGHTED CROSSWALKS

The City has installed safety-enhanced lighted crosswalks at two intersections in Mountain View. The first completed is at Rengstorff Avenue and the second is at Showers and Latham. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



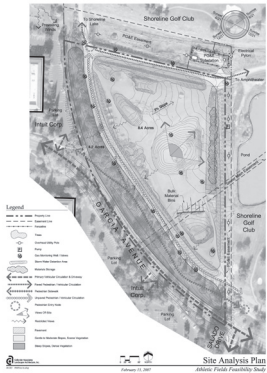
SHORELINE GOLF LINKS

The City is currently evaluating alternative operating models for Shoreline Golf Links. Golf course revenues have declined over the last several years and the course has had to rely on reserve funding to meet operating expenditures. The City Council has directed staff to look at outsourcing options and revising the current City-operated model to make it more self-sustaining.

Staff is currently reviewing proposals and is also working with employee groups and golf course staff on a revised City-operated model. A financial and operational analysis of both an outsourced model and a revised City-operated model is scheduled to be presented to Council in September 2011.

SHORELINE SPORTS FIELDS

This September, the City Council will consider approving a conceptual plan for a 12-acre site in the southwest corner of Shoreline at Mountain View Park for development of a new sports complex designed to provide additional recreational opportunities for residents. The conceptual plan for the multipurpose complex includes synthetic turf to accommodate two soccer fields and two baseball/softball fields with the ability to overlay multiple temporary soccer fields. Other amenities include night lighting, a concessions building with restrooms, parking and a portion of land for burrowing owl habitat.



For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



RECYCLED SIDEWALKS ON
VELARDE STREET

The City installed about one thousand linear feet of recycled plastic sidewalk on Velarde Street, between Calderon and Anza Streets, this Spring. The new 'Terrewalk' material is made from 100 percent post consumer waste plastic and looks and feels similar to concrete. Terrewalk material is thinner than concrete and allows more oxygen and water to reach tree roots. The cost of the new material is currently about double that of concrete but would decline if larger quantities were purchased.

The City will monitor the performance of the Terrewalk material and continue to evaluate its use in future projects. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City is continuing to work with private developers on the following projects:

- **455 San Antonio Road:** This June the City Council approved a project that would demolish the Sears and Rite Aid buildings at the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road and replace it with about 311,000 sq. ft. of new retail space and up to 350 residential units. A revised Precise Plan was approved for the entire Center, which directs future redevelopment in the Center to provide a strong vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian circulation network for shoppers and visitors.
- **100 Mayfield Avenue:** The City Council has approved a revised Master Plan for up to 260 units, 3.6 acres of public parkland and a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel under Central Expressway at the former Mayfield site. Lyon Homes plans to present the detailed architectural and landscape drawings to Council in Fall 2011. Demolition of existing buildings could start in Winter 2011.
- **590 East Middlefield Road:** The City Council approved a new three-story, 97,500 sq. ft. office building to replace the former County Work Furlough site at 590 East Middlefield, directly adjacent to the Middlefield Light Rail Station. Construction is slated to begin in late 2011.
- **455 West Evelyn Avenue:** Prometheus Real Estate continues to progress with the construction of a new 203-unit apartment complex at the former Minton's Lumber site at 455 West Evelyn Avenue. Excavation of the underground garage is complete and construction of the apartment buildings should be underway this Fall. Construction is scheduled to be complete in 2013.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

You can register
for Recreation classes
on-line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM LAW

A new California law mandates that all single-family homes with a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, fireplace or attached garage must install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm by July 1, 2011. Apartment units and hotels rooms must have CO alarms installed by January 1, 2013.



For more information regarding CO alarms or a list of approved devices, visit the State Fire Marshal website at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_bml.php.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

October is Fire Safety Month—keep your family safe with these tips:

- Be sure the batteries are working in all your smoke alarms and CO detectors.
- Test smoke alarm and CO detectors batteries least once a month.
- Devise a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room.
- Have your family practice your fire safety plan twice a year.

For more tips on how you and your family can be fire safe visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND EMERGENCY PLAN

The City is currently conducting a comprehensive upgrade to the City's Emergency Operations Center, the central command and control facility used for disaster management. To date, improvements to the facility include new computers, servers, software, WiFi access, and E-mail and display systems.



In addition, the City is undertaking a comprehensive review and update of Mountain View's Emergency Plan, the step-by-step strategy that guides the City's response to large-scale emergencies and disasters, or any event that disrupts the City's ability to provide services.

For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6385.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEMA GRANT

The Mountain View Fire Department has received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for more than \$230,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Association. The grant will allow the department to replace the current inventory of aging breathing apparatus equipment, originally purchased in 1999, at a greatly reduced cost to the City.



NEW HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES

The City of Mountain View, supported by funding from Santa Clara County, is working to address a number of important health and wellness issues in our community. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

TOBACCO PREVENTION ORDINANCE

The City is in the process of drafting a citywide ordinance to prohibit smoking in outdoor dining areas, including barbeque and picnic areas located in City parks. A supporting ordinance will require a buffer zone (25 feet) around all no-smoking areas. In addition, the City is working to create new signage for parks, in the downtown area, purchase new tobacco waste receptacles, and conduct educational outreach to the business community. The new ordinances will be considered by the City Council early in 2012.



OBESITY PREVENTION

As part of a countywide effort at obesity prevention, Mountain View will focus on high-impact nutrition and physical activity interventions and initiatives that will improve the health and wellness of our community.

SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY

The City Council has authorized the creation of a Suicide Prevention Policy using Santa Clara County's recent Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan as a guide. A variety of strategies and intervention procedures will be developed, including educational programs and an emergency crisis plan.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS GRANT

Mountain View has received a \$44,000 grant from YMCA of Silicon Valley to develop and implement a municipal employee wellness program. The City will collaborate with health care providers and the County Health Department in this effort.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Mountain View Fire Department for an old-fashioned Pancake Breakfast on September 24th from 8:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 4, 229 North Whisman Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6102 or visit www.mountainview.gov/fire.

CHILD CARE CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Mountain View's Child Care Center, located at 260 Escuela Avenue, received official accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) this Summer. NAEYC sets and monitors standards for high quality early childhood education programs and accredits programs that meet these standards.

The Child Care Center is operated by the Children's



Creative Learning Center (CCLC), a locally based, national provider of childcare services. The Center opened in September, 2008 and serves up to 104 children, ranging from 6-weeks to 5-years of age.



Low-income Mountain View residents receive first priority for enrollment, followed by Mountain View residents, City employees, and others. A portion of the funding for the Mountain View Child Care Center was made available through a partnership between the City and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.



For information regarding the Child Care Center, contact CCLC at (408) 732-2500 or visit www.cclc.com.

BECOME A FAN! — SIGN-UP FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW'S SOCIAL MEDIA:

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Twitter.com/mountainviewpd
Chief's Blog: mountainviewpd.blogspot.com
- **Fire Department:** Twitter.com/mtnviewfire
and www.facebook.com/pages/mtn-view-fire
- **Recreation Division:** Facebook.com/
MountainViewRecreation
- **Economic Development Division:** Twitter.com/
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ARTS AND CULTURE NEWS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Get on the Mountain View Public Library's Road to Reading with free programs designed for each stage of child development. These programs support parents in becoming their child's first teacher.



MILE 1: MOTHER GOOSE & MORE

AGES 0-2

Drop-in on Fridays, September 16 – November 4, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Through story, music, rhythm, and rhyme, children become aware of and respond to language, patterns, and repetition. No registration required.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION WHICH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6 (MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENTS HAVE PRIORITY).

MILE 2: YOUNG 2s

AGES 2-2 YEARS 5 MONTHS

Thursdays, September 15 – October 27, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.,

Enjoy simple stories on a weekly theme, music, and small and large muscle activities. One participating parent/caregiver is required for each child.

MILE 2.5: TERRIFIC 2s

AGES 2 YEARS 6 MONTHS - 3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

Thursdays, September 15 – October 27, 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Longer and more complex stories on a weekly theme, music, and small and large muscle activities. One participating parent/caregiver is required for each child.

MILE 3: STORIES PLUS

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2013

Wednesdays, September 14 – October 24, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Stories and music with a weekly theme will be explored through a variety of activities. One participating parent/caregiver is required for each child.

MILE 4: READING READINESS

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2012

Tuesdays, September 13 – October 25, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Longer and more challenging stories and music with a weekly theme explored through a variety of activities. One participating parent/caregiver is required for each child.

For information about monthly parenting programs, bilingual story times, and Reading Day, call the Library at (650) 903-6897 or visit www.mountainview.gov/cityhall/library/default.asp.

The Mountain View Library on Social Media:

Twitter: MVPublicLibrary and MVPLTeenZone

Facebook: City of Mountain View Public Library and Teen-Zone Mountain View Public Library

Blog: mvpl.blogspot.com and <http://mvplteen.blogspot.com/>



RENGSTORFF HOUSE EVENTS

Located in Shoreline at Mountain View Park, the historic Rengstorff House offers a variety of events and activities for the public to enjoy. Here are some upcoming events and activities.

BIRDS OF SHORELINE: AFLIGHT!

SEPTEMBER 4—NOVEMBER 20

Enjoy a photographic journey celebrating the beauty and diversity of avian species found in and around this 750-acre wildlife area and do not miss the free open house on Thursday, September 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (A panel discussion begins at 7:00 p.m.)

HALLOWEEN NEVER ENDS: HISTORICAL HAUNTING BY THE FRIENDS OF 'R' HOUSE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4-5, 7:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Haunted tours will last 30 minutes. Costs are \$10 for advance purchase and \$15 at the door. For additional event information, including how to register, visit www.R-house.org

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCENT-LED WALKS

EVERY TUESDAY & FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 11:00 A.M.

RENGSTORFF HOUSE TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS

EACH TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.

THIS OLD HOUSE: DRESSED UP IN ITS HOLIDAY BEST

NOVEMBER 27 – JANUARY 1, 2012

Enjoy Rengstorff House decorated for the season. Free holiday open house Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

For additional information about special events and activities, tours, and the environmental docent walks program, call (650) 903-6392.

NEW FEES AT SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARIES

– Not the Mountain View Library

In response to dramatic reductions in State funding and increasing demand for library services, the Santa Clara County Library began charging a non-resident fee of \$80 per year starting July 1, 2011. SCCL serves the communities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga, and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. Anyone not living in these communities is outside the district and must pay the new fee. There is an exemption for students who attend schools in the district. More information about the fee can be found here: http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/services/nr_fee_faqs.html

The Mountain View Library is not part of the SCCL district, and does not charge a fee. Any resident of California may obtain a free library card from the Mountain View Library. Simply bring a photo ID showing your current address and you'll receive your free card within minutes. For more information about the services offered by the Mountain View Library, call (650) 903-6337 or visit: www.mountainview.gov/cityhall/library/default.asp

OCTOBER IS ARTS MONTH

Celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month and the 20th Anniversary of the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with Sunday Arts Live 2011.

The City of Mountain View Performing Arts Committee, Arts Action 21, and CATS present two free performances on Sunday, October 16 on MVCPA's SecondStage:



MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 2:00 P.M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SECONDSTAGE

A showcase of multicultural art forms, including performances by the Marimo-kai Koto Ensemble and the Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra. This lively, exciting program presents diverse traditional disciplines mixed with contemporary interpretations.

EXPLORING ARTISTIC HERITAGE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SECONDSTAGE

An exploration of artistic heritage in the context of classical music, illuminating the role of the past in the creative process. Pianist Patricia Cheng and friends present a program of solo and chamber music by Beethoven and Brahms.

For more information, visit www.mvcpa.com or call (650) 903-6000.



MVCPA CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts opened its doors two decades ago on January 19, 1991. The Center is the vibrant heart of downtown Mountain View, home of world-class theatre, dance, and music along with visual arts exhibits, lectures, and corporate events. Since 1991, millions of patrons have experienced thousands of amazing performances on the Center's three stages. Also during the past 20 years, the Center's dedicated volunteers have donated hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours as ushers, art docents, and lobby hosts.

Find out about all the upcoming performances and events in *Preview Magazine*. In addition to a print version, *Preview* is now available online at www.mvcpa.com.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES –
KEEPING CITIZENS CONNECTED,
KEEPS COMMUNITIES
STRONG!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Tyler Phillips, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Center for Performing Arts – Ushers – Volunteer are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be Monday, September 19th and Monday, September 26th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, call Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail Liz@mvcpa.com.

Center for the Performing Arts – Lobby Hosts – Volunteers are needed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to open the lobby from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for the public display of artwork. For more information, call Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail Liz@mvcpa.com.

Senior Services – Front desk – Volunteers are needed to help provide customer service at the Mountain View Senior Center on Tuesday and Friday mornings. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or seniorcenter@mountainview.gov.

Senior Services – Computer Lab – Assist seniors in the technology center any time M – F, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Diane Atienza at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail diane.atienza@mountainview.gov

Senior Services – Wii Game Instruction – Teach seniors how to bowl on the Wii Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail diane.atienza@mountainview.gov

"I enjoy greeting people who enter the park with the expectation of enjoying their time at Shoreline. I like seeing and getting to know the people who regularly frequent Shoreline. I also enjoy assisting people who are lost and desperately need directions. Lastly, I enjoy observing nature – the birds, the rodents, and even the dogs across the way at the dog park."

~ Paul Goldstein,
Shoreline at Mountain View
Park Gatehouse Volunteer

Deer Hollow Farm – School Year Teaching Docents – Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm, garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Training and curriculum are provided. For more information, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail deerhollow-farm@mountainview.gov.

Police Services – Home Security Inspection – Volunteers with a background in home construction,

home security, or related field are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Police Services – Field Assistance Volunteer – Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in our false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment; training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail volunteers@mountainview.gov.



Community Outreach Program – Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) are needed to assist staff with getting information about City services out to our community at various fairs and events. Events occur on weekends and require a 2 to 4 hour commitment. Training is provided and event dates are flexible. For more information, call Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov.

The following Volunteer opportunities are currently available at Shoreline at Mountain View:

- **Patrol Rangers** – assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes, park facilities, safety, and by keeping trails free of litter.
- **Gatehouse Attendants** – greet visitors, monitor activities, and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.
- **Environmental Docents** – educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species and Baylands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.
- **Garden Volunteers** – help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the interior of the house, and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability preferred.
- **Rengstorff House Docents** – conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history.

Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers, and other special events.

- **Exhibitions Assistants** – provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibitions strategy, research, and preparation.

For additional information, E-mail Kristina.Perino@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6073.

MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM:

Since 1998, the City's "Multilingual Community Outreach Program" has provided information on City programs and services to residents, particularly individuals who might not be reached through traditional communication methods.

The program, which is largely unique in the Bay Area, focuses its efforts on providing City and community information to residents in four languages—English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian—through meetings, special events and via telephone or E-mail. Information is provided on City services, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes, City events, childcare, housing, as well as mediation services to name a few.



For further information or assistance, please contact the Multilingual Community Outreach Program at (650) 903-6145, or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov. You may also contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or visit on-line at www.mountainview.gov.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN AN EMERGENCY

Join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by signing up for free training through the City's Office of Emergency Services. CERT team training prepares local residents to help themselves, their families, and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services may not be available.

CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid/CPR, and light search and rescue, as well as team organization and management. Trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, with an emphasis on hands-on practice, teach all classes.

The CERT program is free to all citizens of Mountain View and those who work at a Mountain View business. The training is provided in English, as well as other languages, including Spanish. For more information and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825, or use the 'Register Online' link at www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/fire/programs_n_services/disaster_preparedness.asp.



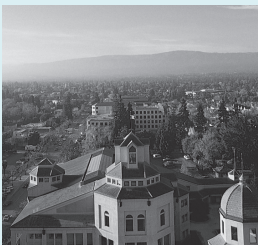
For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/events or tune into KMVT (cable TV)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR OF REGULAR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEETINGS:

Meetings are sometimes added or adjusted—all dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times. Check out the City's Calendar on the top-right of the City's homepage at www.mountainview.gov—with links for updated meeting dates, times, locations, and documents.

- **City Council** – Regularly meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- **Library Board** – Meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street
- **Environmental Planning Commission** – Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- **Human Relations Commission** – Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- **Parks and Recreation Commission** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – Meets bimonthly (2012) on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- **Downtown Committee** – Meets as needed.
- **Performing Arts Committee** – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., SecondStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- **Visual Arts Committee** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- **Youth Advisory Committee** – Meets the first Monday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- **Senior Advisory Committee** – Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 5:00 p.m. Senior Center, 266 Escuela



CITY BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted until September 16, 2011 from Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on the following City board, commissions, or committees:

- **LIBRARY BOARD** (1 position)
Meets on the third Monday evening of the month
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (2 positions)*
Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (1 position)
Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month
- **BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (1 position)
Meets bimonthly (2012) on a Wednesday evening
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE** — Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (1 position)
Meets as needed on a Tuesday morning
- **SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (3 positions)
Meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month
- **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE** (3 positions)
Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month

*FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY:

Supplemental Questionnaire (Pre-interview Application): Candidates are required to submit, along with their City application form, a typewritten response, limited to 350 words, to the following questions:

1. What qualifies you for this position?
2. What do you think are the major issues for land use planning in the City of Mountain View?
3. Give some Mountain View examples of successes and failures in planning.

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The board, commissions, and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903 6304 for further information and an application. An application can be downloaded at www.mountainview.gov.

City Offices will be closed:

Monday, September 5 for Labor Day
Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Fire Station No. 4, 229 North Whisman Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds donated to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6102 or visit www.mountainview.gov/fire.
- **Halloween Monster Bash** – Saturday, October 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. The event will include Halloween crafts, a costume parade, and an outdoor movie. All are invited to attend this free family event.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Monday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. The event includes Holiday music, refreshments, lights, and pictures with Santa Claus. Bring a can of food to help build the Giving Tree, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.
- **Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar** – Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m – 2:00.p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.
- **Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event** – Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 1000 Villa Street. The Police Department will be collecting donations of cash, gift cards, and toys starting December 1.



NEW MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM

—Nomination Period Open Until September 26th

The City invites nominations for the City of Mountain View's new Mayor's Recognition Award Program for 2011 recognizing outstanding efforts in the Mountain View community. All nominations must be submitted by Monday, September 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the City of Mountain View homepage at www.mountainview.gov.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org for location and an appointment.

- Saturday, September 10 in San Jose
- Saturday, September 17 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, September 24 in Santa Clara
- Saturday, October 15 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, October 22 in San Jose
- Saturday, October 29 in Cupertino
- Saturday, November 12 in San Jose
- Saturday, November 19 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, December 17 in San Jose

HOME COMPOSTING AND BAY FRIENDLY GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Call (408) 918-4640 or visit www.reducewaste.org to obtain a schedule of free upcoming events and to register.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. – noon. No charge. Located at the SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale. For more information, call (650) 903-6011.

Visit Ask Mountain View on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. Get the FREE Ask Mountain View iPhone Application. Now citizens can also use their iPhones to point, click, and send a message to City Hall quickly by using a new, Ask Mountain View iPhone application. Requests and feedback are routed directly to staff for a reply during regular business hours. In the future, the City expects other smart phone platforms will offer similar applications. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

